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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 213943

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, AS, TH

SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN SALE OF AMMUNITION TO THAILAND

REF: A) CANBERRA 5814 (NOTAL) B) STATE 182385 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED REFTEL A. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY WISH TO EMPHASIZE IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOA OFFICIALS THAT SINCE USG APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROPOSED TRANSFER, AMMUNITION MUST NOT BE SHIPPED FROM AUSTRALIA TO THAILAND IN ABSENCE THAT APPROVAL. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD CREATE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS PROBLEM.

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2. IN MEANTIME, WE WISH TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION CLARIFICATION REGARDING ORIGINAL REQUEST RECEIVED FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY. THAT REQUEST WAS FOR USG APPROVAL OF SALE BY GOA TO RTG OF "COMPONENTS FOR" 10 MILLION ROUNDS

OF 5.56 MM AMMUNITION. WE WILL ASK AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY  
HERE FOR EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE COMPONENTS ARE, AND YOU  
MAY WISH TO FOLLOW-UP WITH GOA AUTHORITIES. THIS MAY HELP  
TO EXPLAIN YOUR REPORT CONTAINED REFTEL A, WHICH WE HAD NOT  
HERETOFORE KNOWN, THAT AMMUNITION WAS SHIPPED IN BULK FROM  
SINGAPORE AND PACKAGED IN AUSTRALIA. LATTER TRANSACTION  
RAISES INTERESTING QUESTION OF ORIGINAL SOURCE OF AMMUNI-  
TION, SINCE USG RECORDS SHOW THAT WE HAVE NOT SOLD TECHNICAL  
DATA PACKAGE FOR PRODUCTION OF SUCH AMMUNITION TO  
SINGAPORE.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY FURTHER  
INFORMATION ON THIS INCREASINGLY COMPLEX TRANSACTION THAT  
ADDRESSEES CAN OBTAIN. KISSINGER

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